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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN VIEWS ON OAS MEETINGS ON ILLICIT
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1. DRAWING ON REFTEL, EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED DRAFT RESOLUTION WITH AMBASSADOR JORGE DEL CAMPO, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, AND ONE OF HIS ASSISTANTS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JUNE 26. OFFICER ALSO LEFT TALKING POINTS WITH DEL CAMPO. DEL CAMPO SAID THAT TOMORROW'S MEETING WILL DEAL MOSTLY WITH BRIBERY PAYMENTS, AS WELL AS VAGUE GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH MIGHT BE INCORPORATED INTO AN EVENTUAL CODE OF CONDUCT. HE SAID THAT ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA HAVE BEEN PRESSING HARD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CODE OF CONDUCT AND CLAIMED THAT PERU HAS NOT TAKEN MUCH OF A LEAD TO DATE ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. DEL CAMPO SAID THAT PERUVIAN POSITION ON BRIBERY ISSUE IS BASED ON "BASIC PRINCIPLES." HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO A LONG DISCUSSION OF THE FACT THAT, WHILE BOTH PARTIES TO A BRIBE SHOULD BE PUNISHED, IN MOST CASES IT
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IS THE LARGE TNE'S WHICH INITIATE SUCH TRANSACTIONS AND

THE CHIEF QUILT THEREFORE LIES WITH THEM.

3. DEL CAMPO AGREED THAT RESUMING DISCUSSION OF CODE OF CONDUCT WITHIN OAS FRAMEWORK WILL CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR ALL CONCERNED AND NOTED THAT HE THOUGHT IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE THAT THE LATINS, INCLUDING PERU, WOULD ACCEDE TO THE IDEA OF A RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT AD HOC WORKING GROUP OUTSIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL. THIS WOULD WEAKEN THE OAS EXCESSIVELY, HE MAINTAINED, AND IT MIGHT IN THAT CASE BE BETTER TO DO NOTHING. HOWEVER, DEL CAMPO EMPHIZED THAT HE THOUGHT INITIAL COMPROMISE LANGUAGE WILL BE WORKED OUT ON GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE DRAFT RESOLUTION UNDER CONSIDERATION TOMORROW. DEL CAMPO SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U.S. POSITION. EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD HIM THAT AMBASSADOR ALVARADO IS BEING INFORMED OF OUR POSITION IN WASHINGTON.

4. COMMENT: DEL CAMPO DOWN-PLAYED CONSIDERABLY PERU'S APPARENT STRONG HAND IN PUSHING FOR A WIDE-OPEN DISCUSSION OF ROLE AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TNE'S. IN THIS REGARD, FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR IN A SPEECH TO PEASANTS ON JUNE 23 DEMANDED THAT LATINS ACCELERATE PROCESS OF WORKING OUT A CODE OF CONDUCT. FOREIGN MINISTER THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT "IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE EXPLOITATIVE ACTION OF TNE'S," AND NOTED THAT PERU IN 1974 PRESENTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF AN OAS COMMISSION TO PREPARE A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TNE'S. "THIS COMMISSION," SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTER, "HAS BEEN WORKING VERY SLOWLY AND NOT IN THE DESIRED WAY." WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VIEWS REPRESENT A MORE ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF GOP'S INTENTIONS IN THIS FIELD THAN DEL CAMPO'S Milder REMARKS.
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